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Applicant: Prater et al. Examiner: Kim, P.

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Title: IMPROVED DUAL ACTUATOR PIVOT BEARING SYSTEM AND

METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached <u>Response to Species Election</u>. Please charge the fee of \$120.00 for the extension of time to deposit account number 132725.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 865-273-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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